

REMARKS

Claims 48-50 remain pending in the present application. Claims 18-27, 44 and 45 have been cancelled.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 18, 20, 22-23, 26 and 44-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spear (U.S. Pat. No. 4,811,380) in view of Rappaport (U.S. Pat. No. 6,477,373 B1). Claims 19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spear in view of Rappaport, as applied to Claim 18 above, and further in view of Tiedemann Jr., et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,999,816). Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spear in view of Rappaport, as applied to Claim 23 above, and further in view of Wichter, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,608,643). Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spear in view of Rappaport, Wichter, as applied to Claim 24 above, and further in view of Amin. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spear in view of Rappaport, as applied to Claim 23 above, and further in view of Amin, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,995,830).

Claims 18-27, 44 and 45 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 48-50, the only claims pending in the present application, have been indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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